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For: Method of Pretreating Lignocellulose Fiber-Containing

Material for the Pulp Making Process

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Response to Official Action

In response to the Official Action dated March 10, 1999, applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendment

In the Specification:

Page 12, lines 19-28, delete in their entirety, and substitute, --In the embodiment of Figure 1, the steam tube can be considered a passive inlet portion of the compression unit 6. It should be appreciated that the pre-treatment process 1

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